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USSR-AFGHANISTAN: Combat Developments. (U)

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[REDACTED] A multibattalion-size task force was preparing to depart the Herat Soviet deployment area on 17 August. Soviet forces included a tank company, two motorized rifle companies, and a 122-mm D-30 battery. A battalion-size Afghan ground force unit has also deployed recently around Herat Airfield. In related activity, two Soviet 152-mm 2S5 self-propelled howitzer batteries are ~~deployed immediately~~ *oriented* *in* ~~the~~ *of the* facility ~~facing~~ *in* the Soviet deployment area. Ammunition stocks behind the guns have tripled since the 11th, further suggesting imminent operations.

